

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 7, 9, 10 and 12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Claims 7, 9, 10 and 12 are amended, without the introduction of any new matter.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the February 17th personal interview. The substance of the discussions held are incorporated into the previous amendments and following remarks and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The outstanding Office Action rejects Claims 7, 9, 10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over USP 6,660,647 to Ishikawa in view of USP 6,240,360 to Phelan. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Before considering the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), it is believed that a brief review of the subject matter of the independent claims would be helpful. Claim 7 includes a first information processing apparatus having a position information acquiring unit that acquires position information, a position information converting unit to convert the position information into converted data to be displayed on an at least one second information processing apparatus, a transmitting unit that transmits the converted data, a receiving unit that receives data of the position of the at least one second specified information processing apparatus, and a display unit that displays the position of the at least one second specified information processing apparatus.

The subject matter of independent Claim 9 includes, *inter alia*, a second receiving unit that receives converted data, a storing unit to store received data, and a transmitting unit to transmit data in response to a request from a user.

The subject matter of independent Claim 10 includes, *inter alia*, a method of information processing using a first information processing apparatus including acquiring

position information, converting the position information into converted data to be displayed on an at least one second information processing apparatus, transmitting the converted data to a server, receiving data of the position of the at least one second information processing apparatus, and displaying the data of the position of the at least one second information processing apparatus.

The subject matter of independent Claim 12 includes, *inter alia*, a method of information processing in an information processing system including acquiring position information, converting the position information into converted data to be displayed on an at least one second information processing apparatus, transmitting the converted data to a server, receiving at the server, data including position information from a plurality of information processing apparatus, storing the received data, transmitting the data stored, receiving data of the position of the at least one second specified information processing apparatus, displaying and supplementing the data of the position of the at least one second specified information processing apparatus.

With respect to the rejection Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Ishikawa and Phelan, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's assertion that Ishikawa discloses a first information processing apparatus that includes a position information acquiring unit configured to acquire position information of the first information processing apparatus, a display unit to display the data of the position of an at least one second specified information processing apparatus and a position information converting unit configured to convert the position information acquired by the position information acquiring unit into converted data to be displayed on the at least one second information processing apparatus.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Ishikawa and Phelan, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's assertion that Ishikawa discloses a first information processing apparatus that includes a position information

acquiring unit configured to acquire position information of the first information processing apparatus, a display unit to display the data of the position of an at least one second specified information processing apparatus and a position information converting unit to convert position information acquired by the position information acquiring unit into converted data to be displayed on an at least one second specified information processing apparatus.

With respect to independent Claim 10, Ishikawa does not disclose a method of information processing including acquiring position information of a first information processing apparatus, converting the position information into data to be displayed on an at least one second information processing apparatus and displaying the data of the position of an at least one second specified information processing apparatus.

With respect to independent Claim 12, Ishikawa does not disclose a method of information processing including acquiring position information of a first information processing system, converting the position information into data to be displayed on an at least one second information processing apparatus and displaying the data of the position of an at least one second specified information processing apparatus.

Instead, Ishikawa disclosed client node 30 which shows a driver en route from a current position to a destination by displaying it on a map. The client node 30 does not disclose to the driver the position of other client nodes, nor does it disclose the position of the dispatched service software 400. The dispatch service software 400 merely keeps track of other service nodes 30. Ishikawa does not disclose any device or method for an apparatus or system that provides the ability for reciprocal tracking.

Phelan does not provide the deficiencies of Ishikawa.

As no further issues are believed to remain outstanding in the present application, it is believed that this application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

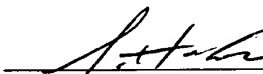
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